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Design.—The object of the Society is to collect and preserve (also, to publish, as far as practicable) Genealogical, Biographical and Historical matter, relating for the most part, though not exclusively, to the State of New-York.

Library.—A Library has been commenced, already containing many works of great value to the genealogical student; and, by donation, exchange and otherwise, is rapidly increasing.

Memorials.—On the decease of a member of the Society, a biography embracing a full outline of his life and character is prepared, to be read at a monthly meeting, and published in the future issues of the Society.

Meetings are held monthly, for the reading of historical and biographical papers, the discussion of genealogical topics, the admission of members, and other miscellaneous business.

Membership.—For admission to the Society, the candidate must be nominated by a member, in writing; be approved by the Board of Trustees, and voted in at a regular meeting. The initiation fee is FIVE dollars, and *Resident* Membership requires the payment, annually, of FIVE dollars. The *Life* Membership fee (in lieu of all annual assessments) is FIFTY dollars. The Clerks of the several Counties and Towns of the State are members of this Society *ex-officio*.

Bureau of Genealogical Reference.—For the convenience of Genealogical students, a REGISTER has been opened (and will be rapidly perfected) comprising: 1st, A *Library Guide*, showing in which of the libraries (public or private) of New-York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, etc., any particular printed genealogies, English county histories, &c., may be found. 2dly, A *List* of the names, addresses, etc., of individuals, in all parts of the United States, engaged in the preparation of genealogical works, and also a record of such works as are already completed, in manuscript. This Register being designed to save time, trouble and expense to genealogists (especially to those at a distance from the great literary centres), all *letters of enquiry* addressed to the President or Recording Secretary of this Society (with stamp enclosed for return postage) will be promptly answered. *Letters of information*, which may contribute to the greater completeness of this Register, are also solicited from genealogists and others interested. It is hoped that, in this way, the various genealogical collections scattered throughout our libraries, public and private, may be *vitalized*, and rendered more accessible to genealogists; and that a means of communication may be established between those interested in similar pursuits. [OVER.

THE NEW-YORK GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY respectfully solicits from its friends and members in the State, and elsewhere, contributions of genealogical and biographical material. In the collection and preservation of such material, every one, by the diligent use of some of their leisure moments, can assist the Society to form a library of reference, which shall prove of incalculable service to future students of American Genealogy and History. The following are some of the matters which this Society earnestly desires to have collected and preserved in its archives:—

1.—Copies of ancient inscriptions and epitaphs, full and exact copies of inscriptions from the cemeteries, monuments, tombs, tablets, etc., to be found in every city, town, village and hamlet of the State; extracts from town, church and parish records; transcripts of public records of births, marriages and deaths, and of private family records; personal reminiscences and narratives, taken from the lips of old persons yet living among us; autobiographies; lists of soldiers and sailors, histories of regiments and military organizations, etc., in the Revolutionary War, the Second War, and the late Civil War.

2.—Lists of names, found in ancient documents, such especially as were engaged in any honorable public service; also, the original documents, or full copies thereof, where they contain any important facts illustrative of the lives and actions of individuals, or of the history of the State.

3.—Tables of longevity; statistical and biographical accounts of attorneys, physicians, ministers, and Churches of all denominations; of graduates of colleges, governors, senators and representatives in Congress or in the State Legislature, military and naval officers, and other persons of distinction.

4.—Biographical memoirs, sketches and notices of persons who came to North America, especially to the colony and State of New-York, before the year 1700; showing from what places in Europe they came, their families there, and their descendants in this country. Full and minute genealogical memoirs and tables, showing the lineage and descent of families from the earliest date, to which they can be authentically traced, down to the present time, with their branches and connections.

5.—Printed books, pamphlets, broadsides, etc., of a genealogical, biographical, and historical nature; official reports; reports of societies; church manuals; historical, biographical, statistical, commemorative addresses, sermons, etc.—*anything, in fact, which preserves a name, a date, or a fact*—which may possibly be of use to some future investigator.

It is difficult, indeed, for parties not conversant with genealogical and historical studies to appreciate how important a *single* fact may be in tracing their early ancestry. A fact of residence or removal, a date of birth, marriage, or death, may furnish or corroborate some item necessary to connect the parted links of the ancestral chain, or to elucidate some important historical truth.

All donations of books, pamphlets, manuscripts, etc., will be gratefully received in behalf of the Society, and promptly acknowledged by

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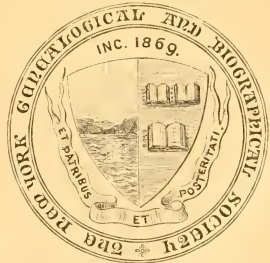
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Trustees and Executive Committee were held weekly, at the residence of Dr. W. Frederic Holcombe, until the 7th of July, when the first quarterly meeting was assembled at "Mott Memorial Hall," No. 64 Madison Avenue, New York, where the Society has secured handsome accommodations for its library, collections and meetings, for the ensuing year.

THE SEAL OF THE SOCIETY,



THE NEW YORK GENEALOGICAL AND BIOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY,

had its inception with Dr. D. P. Holton of New York City; and, in response to letters of invitation from him, seven gentlemen assembled at his residence, No. 124 W. 54th Street, New York, on the evening of February 27th, 1869. After a free interchange of views on the subject, and an interesting statement of the plan, progress and condition of the "New England Historic-Genealogical Society" by the Rev. E. F. Slatter, of Boston, Corresponding Secretary of that Society, who was present, it was determined that an effort should be made to establish in the city of New York, a similar association, for the State of New York. On the 16th of March, a certificate of incorporation was filed in the office of the Secretary of State, at Albany, N. Y., and, at successive meetings of the original seven and their friends, a code of By-Laws was prepared, and, on the 17th of April, formally adopted. The Board of Trustees held its first regular meeting on the 24th of April, and elected the officers of the society; and regular meetings of the Society, the

was adopted by the Board of Trustees, on the 8th of May, 1869. It bears upon its face a shield divided into two parts, upon one of which is depicted the arms of the State of New York; and upon the other, three open books—this idea being borrowed from the arms of the University of Oxford, England. Below, and at the sides of the shield, a ribbon bears the legend motto of the Society, "*Et patribus, et posteritate*," i. e. freely translated, "Not only in honor of our ancestors, but for the sake of our posterity." Above this shield, the word and figures "Inc. 1869," preserves the date of the Society's incorporation; and around the edge of the seal, in old English letters of the 14th century, runs the title of "The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society." This seal was designed by S. Edward Stiles, the Recording Secretary of the Society.

NEW YORK, DECEMBER, 1869.

OUR SOCIETY PROCEEDINGS.

A special meeting of the Society was held at their rooms in Mott Memorial Hall, on October 16th, 1869. Four resident, and one corresponding member were elected. Chas. B. Moore, Esq., read an instructive paper upon "Methods of Genealogical Work," and was followed with remarks by Porter C. Bliss, Rev. John Beveridge, and others.

The following motion was adopted.—"*Resolved*, that the names of the resident members, after the number of fifty, be numbered in the order of their completing their membership, and that each member be requested to furnish a pedigree of his own immediate ancestry, so far as he can, to be filed, numbered and preserved in the archives of the Society."

At a regular meeting held Oct. 30th, at the same place, five resident, and two corresponding members were elected; donations of books were acknowledged from A. Gilman, Esq., S. G. Drake, Leonard Hazeltine, Essex Institute of Salem, (Mass.,) Quarter-Master General's Office, (U. S. A.,) and others.

Mr. Benj. Howland presented to the Society a printed copy of his pedigree showing him to be descended from John Howland who came to America in the *Mayflower*. Dr. D. P. Holton, Dr. Henry R. Stiles and S. Edward Stiles also presented copies of their pedigrees for the archives of the Society.

The following Motion was offered.—"*Resolved*, that each member be requested to prepare a biographical sketch of some ancestor; or of some person connected with this State, to be read before the Society, and be requested to notify the Executive Committee, when ready."

At a regular meeting, held November 13th, three resident and three corresponding members and two life members were elected. Chas. B. Moore, Esq., read a portion of a paper on "Dutch and English Inter-marriages," the conclusion being deferred to the next meeting. The Librarian announced that the new book-case had been finished and placed in the room; and, also that the

Regular Meetings of the Society

would be held, henceforth, on the *second* and *fourth* SATURDAYS of each month, at 7½ P. M., at the "Mott Memorial Hall," No. 64 Madison Avenue.

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EXCHANGES.—The Librarian has, on hand, duplicate copies of the *Holmes and Watson Genealogies*, (published by the U. Q. Club), the *Fiske Genealogy*, and several other works, which will be exchanged for genealogical, local histories, biographies, etc. For terms of exchange, address *Dr. W. Fred. Holcombe, 54 East 25th Street, New York.*

AMERICAN GENEALOGY.

ITS TRUE SIGNIFICANCE.

Our readers have doubtless seen in the papers a report of the recent meeting of the Lyman family at the little village of Nonotuck, at Mount Tom, in Mass. The *N. Y. Evening Mail*, in noticing this celebration, makes some just observations setting forth the real import of such demonstrations.

"First, they show that in this country a man may 'have a grandfather' and be proud of the fact, although that ancestor may have no ornamental or 'noble' handle to his name. It is the fashion with our playwrights, novelists, and paragraphists to make sport of our 'new rich' who strive vainly to disguise the humiliating fact that their fathers or grandfathers were poor and honest laborers, and the game is legitimate. Of all forms of snobbery this is the meanest and most unnatural. But our Yankee genealogists avoid this stumbling block of offence. They go back through a line of John Smiths to the Mayflower, nine-tenths of whom were poor men and the majority manual laborers. They take pride in an ancestry that have displayed the virtues of honesty, thrift, manliness, and more or less of the Christian graces. They may point out with pride a few eminent divines, lawyers, statesmen, or other intellectual magnates, but the stock in the main shows its noble and enduring traits in the hand to hand struggles with the coarse necessities of life.

"It is only in the past few years, comparatively, that the New England genealogies have been thoroughly investigated, and the results have filled the seekers with an honorable pride. It has been said by those who have delved deeply in this sort of lore on both sides of the water, that the proportion of New England families who can show a creditable and clearly marked line of descent from the best stock of Great Britain is far greater than in the mother country itself. We firmly believe this to be true.

"These investigations show the fruitfulness of the hardy stock which was transplanted from the stormy England of the time of the Stuarts to the stony soil of New England."

* * A Committee of this Society has in preparation a circular FORM OF GENEALOGICAL INQUIRY, designed to be used by all who are engaged in correspondence with a view to obtain genealogical information. In view of the great importance of making such a form as perfect as possible, the Committee respectfully request that practical genealogists, throughout the country, will favor them with copies of forms which they are themselves using, or with any suggestions which may aid them in their work. ADDRESS THE LIBRARIAN.

* * * Donations of genealogical works, town histories, biographies, funeral, historical and commemorative sermons, addresses, etc., church manuals, military muster rolls, etc., etc., are respectfully solicited for the Library. Old Directories, Town and State Registers, and College Catalogues particularly desired.

* * * CLERGYMEN can help us in the formation of our library by sending us copies of any church manuals, historical sermons, funeral discourses, preached and published during their own pastorate, or by their predecessors. Also, by *copies in MS.* of the old records of their churches and parishes.

* * * PHYSICIANS frequently have an opportunity, while visiting their patients, of procuring copies of valuable pamphlets, books, family records, etc., which they could "have for the asking," and which would prove very acceptable and important to the purposes of this Society.

* * * TOWN CLERKS are, by the Constitution of this Society, *members ex-officio* thereof, and, from their position, can contribute largely to the value of our collections, by sending us copies of curious historical documents, lists of births, marriages and deaths, etc., etc., from the records in their charge.

NOTES ON BOOKS.

THE GILMAN GENEALOGY, by ARTHUR GILMAN, of Lee, Mass. Albany: Joel Munsell, 1869. Sm. 4to. pp. xii, 324.

We have seldom, if ever, examined a genealogy (in which we were not personally interested) with so much pleasure, as we enjoyed in the perusal of this. Handsomely printed by Munsell, and well illustrated by very excellent and well engraved steel plate portraits, as well as wood cut views of localities in England and this country, associated with the family history—the external appearance of the volume leaves nothing to be desired. The contents evince the same conscientious and loving care and accuracy. The English portion of the history is full and interesting—the biographies numerous and well written, and the arrangement convenient—while reference to any person or anything mentioned in the book, is rendered perfectly easy and comfortable, by the numerous indexes of persons, families, places, books referred to, etc., which are given. That one devoted to the GILMAN family has a very convenient arrangement, one that we have never before

seen employed for distinguishing the various persons bearing the same christian name. It is to give the date of birth and decease of each, thus:

Joseph	1680.	—	40.
"	1738.	1806	118.
"	1772.	1772	200.

The edition consists of three hundred copies in small quarto, and twenty copies on large paper; these last having eleven additional photographs. H. R. S.

IN MEMORIAM. A Biographical sketch of JOHN WILLIAM BESSAC; with some account of his family, by GEORGE PARK, and BENJAMIN L. BESSAC. Albion, N. Y. Press of Bruner Bro's, 1863.

This pamphlet of twenty-two pages, contains an interesting biography of Jean-Guillaume Bessac, who was born in the parish of Monvalant, France, Feb. 4, 1760; came to America in 1779, settled first at Jersey City, N. J.; thence, about 1788, removed to Hudson, N. Y.; again moved about 1809, to Green, N. Y., where he died in 1824. Also, a genealogy of his descendants. D. W. P.

MY WIFE AND MY MOTHER. Hartford: Williams, Wiley & Waterman, 1864, 12o. 312 pp. and 84 additional pages of Genealogy. (Privately printed.)

This compactly printed volume, prepared by Heman H. Barber, for many years well known as Probate Judge of Hartford County, Conn., contains very full biographies (with extracts from correspondence) of his deceased wife, Frances Elizabeth (daughter of Merlin and Clarissa) Merrill, and of his mother, Naomi (daughter of Solomon and Hannah) Humphrey, both of Barkhamsted, Conn.

The Genealogical portion, separately paged, displays a great amount of research and careful thought, and traces his wife's lineage to the following families. viz.: Merrill, Jordan, Watson, Marsh, Webster, Lyman, Ford, Pratt, Shepard, Greenhill, Scott, Blanchard, James, Newton, Wells, White, Crow, Goodwin, Clark, Gillett, Jones, Treadwell, Howe, Barnes, Worthington, Brown, Ball, Groves, Clark. His mother's lineage is traced to the families, of Humphrey, Grant, Chapin, Mills, Buell, Rugles, Dyer, Woodbridge, Dudley, Lente, Higley, Hulcomb, Bliss, Chapin, Drake, Moore, Bunce, Gillett, Loomis, Scott, Eggleston, Hooker, Owen, Wade, Eno and Bidwell. H. R. S.

REGISTER OF THE AYLSWORTH FAMILY,
by SYLVESTER AYLSWORTH. Utica: Bennet,
Backus & Hawley, 1840.

This is a pamphlet of twelve pages, without cover, giving one line of the family, without dates for four generations, except in the family of William Aylsworth, of the fourth generation, whose descendants seem to be fully named, and in three of the households full dates are given. An appendix of three pages contains some account of other branches, without dates, and the author's conclusions that Arthur Aylsworth was born in Wales in 1656, and was a brother of Theophilus who, in 1664, fled to Holland, remained several years, spelling his name "Elswort," then with his family settled in the city of New York, where many of the descendants still remain. They spell their name "Els-worth." He also supposes that another brother fled in 1670, and settled in Connecticut, whose descendants "spell their names Ellsworth;" and says, "to this family belonged Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth, who was born at Windsor, Ct., April 29th, 1745, and died 1807, aged 62 years, and William W. Ellsworth, present Governor of that State." Unfortunately for this last conclusion the ancestor of the Ellsworths of Windsor, had been many years in that place before 1670.

Arthur Aylsworth came to America about 1681, married Mary Brown, of Providence, R. I., and settled in North Kingston, R. I., where he died in 1725, aged 69 years.

D. W. P.

Memoir of a portion of the BOLLING Family, in England and Virginia. Richmond, Va.: W. H. Wade & Co., 1868, ix. 68.

This interesting volume, which we have merely glanced at, in a friend's library, forms No. IV of "Wynne's Historical Documents from the Old Dominion," and consists mainly of a Memoir of the Bolling Family, written by Robert Bolling, of Chelowe, Buckingham Co., Virginia,—translated from the original French manuscript, by John Robertson, Jr., son of William, 1863. It is printed in small quarto form and is curiously illustrated by excellent portraits, photographs from original paintings of Robert Bolling, husband of Jane Rolfe, granddaughter of Pocahontas; John Bolling, son of Jane Rolfe; Mary Kennon, wife of said John Bolling; John Bolling, Jr., and Elizabeth Blair, his wife; Richard Ran-

dolph, of Cowles, and Jane Bolling, his wife; Richard Randolph, Jr., of Cowles, and Anne Meade, his wife; Thos. Bolling, of Cobbs, and Betty Gray, his wife; John Blair, of Supreme Court of the U. S.; Rev. Hugh Blair; William Bolling, of Bolling Hall, and Mary his wife, daughter of Richard Randolph, of Cowles, and Ann Meade Bolling, daughter of Col. William; of Robert Bolling, of Chelowe, the author of the memoir. H. R. S.

Descendants of EDWARD THURSTON, of the Colony of Rhode Island. New York: 1868. 8vo. pp. 70.

Genealogy of CHARLES MYRICK THURSTON, and of his wife RACHEL HALL PITMAN, formerly of Newport, R. I. New York: 1865. 8vo. pp. 80.

Descendants of JOHN PITMAN, of the Colony of Rhode Island. New York: 1865. 8vo. pp. 49.

These three well printed, well arranged and compact genealogies are the work of Mr. Charles Myrick Thurston, of New Rochelle Westchester Co., N. Y.; and 250 copies of each were printed at the joint expense of Richard Lathers, Allan Melville, Rachel H. Barrington, Rachel H. Thurston and the author. Copies, we understand, will be sent postpaid, to those interested who are willing to contribute toward the cost of printing.—Nos. 1 and 2, at \$1 each; No. 3, at 75 cents. These works evince a great amount of careful research and are peculiarly rich in genealogical matter relating to other Rhode Island families, such as the *Coggeshalls*, *Peckhams*, *Clarks*, *Halls*, *Brownells*, *Rogers*, *Ather-ton*s, *Trowbridges*, *Smiths*, *Coffins*, etc. The copies of these pamphlets presented to the Society's Library, by the author, are enriched by a great number of manuscript additions, references, etc. H. R. S.

Genealogies in Preparation.

Alexander. Miss E. C. Jay, 296 Madison Avenue, New York, is engaged on a genealogy of the descendants of James Alexander, who came to America in the year 1715.

Atherton. H. B. Atherton, Editor, Nashua, N. H., is working on Atherton Records.

Bancroft. J. M. Bancroft, P. O. Box 382, New York City, is preparing a genealogy of his family, and will be glad to receive information, copies from records, and traditions concerning the family.

Corwin and Joy. Rev. Edward T. Corwin, of Millstone, N. J., connected with biographies published of Clergymen of the Reformed Dutch Church, is engaged in getting up an account of the whole Corwin family, also, of the Joy Family.

Grant. D. Williams Patterson, of Newark Valley, Tioga Co., N. Y., is engaged in tracing the descendants of Mathew Grant, of Windsor, Conn., who came to America, A. D. 1630, and was the ancestor of Gen. U. S. Grant, President, &c.

Hodge. O. J. Hodge, of Cleveland, O., is working up Hodge family genealogy, and wants information.

Holcombe. By Wm. Frederic Holcombe, M. D., Address, 54 E. 25th Street, New York City.

Holden. Frederic A. Holden, P. O. Box 616, Washington, D. C., author of the Genealogical work on the Capron family, is now engaged in compiling the records of the Holden family.

Holton—Farwell—Parsons—Winslow. Genealogical and Historical facts relating to any of these families may be sent to David P. Holton, M. D., 124 West 54th Street, New York City.

Johnson. William Johnson, 355 Broadway, New York City, has some MS. notes of Johnson Family.

Norton. Charles B. Norton, formerly of New York City, now in Paris, has prepared a MS. Genealogy of the Norton Family.

Peet. William Peet, Esq., 192 Broadway, New York City, has records of his ancestry bearing the same family name with himself.

Prescott. Dr. Wm. Prescott, Concord, N. H., has been for over thirty years collecting material for Memorials of the Prescott family in America.

Root. The Genealogy of the Root Family, prepared by Rev. James P. Root of Perry Center, N. Y., is now passing through the press under the immediate care of R. C. Root, Esq., of 62 Liberty Street, New York.

Spelman. By Capt. Benjamin Root Spelman, 582 Broadway, Albany, N. Y.

Stafford. By Martin L. Stafford, P. O. Box 2836, New York City.

Temple. William Temple, East Woburn, Mass., has MS. records of the Temple family.

Upham. S. C. Parkhurst, care of R. H. Berdell, 320 Broadway, New York City, is interested in this line of research.

Local Histories in Preparation.

Brooklyn, N. Y., History of, by Henry R. Stiles, M. D. The second volume of this work is now published. 500 pages, 8vo. with over 30 illustrations; is very rich in biographies of the earlier Brooklynites. The third and last volume, will be ready in January, 1870.

Chester, N. H. The history of this Township by Mr. Benjamin Chase, is just through the press.

Enfield, Conn. Randolph Pease, Esq., is preparing a history of this Town.

Granville, Mass. Genealogies are preparing by S. B. Barlow, M. D., 55 East 21st Street, N. Y. City.

Ipswich, Mass. The Town Clerk has a book in which the ancient families are arranged on separate pages, in the order of their first coming to the town.

Lunenburg, Mass. George A. Cunningham of that place is preparing a history of the Town, with genealogies of its early settlers.

Newark Valley, N. Y. D. Williams Patterson of this place is engaged in preparing a volume, giving the graveyard inscriptions and genealogies of the town.

Queensbury, N. Y. A. W. Holden of Glen's Falls, N. Y., is preparing "a History of the Town of Queensbury" from its earliest settlement, including genea-

logical records, biographical sketches and notices of local celebrities. It will be issued to subscribers in a small 8vo. of 450 pages at \$5.00 a copy.

Reading, Mass. Hon. Lilly Eaton of Wakefield, Mass. (formerly South Reading), has been for several years engaged upon a History of Reading and South Reading.

West Springfield, Mass. Rev. Mr. Grout, of West Springfield, Mass., is preparing a list from his Church records of members who have been connected with that Church.

Biographies in Preparation.

Alexander. The life of Joseph Addison Alexander, D. D., of Princeton, N. J. By Rev. H. C. Alexander. (Chas. Scribner & Co., N. Y.)

Bonaparte. History of Joseph Bonaparte. By J. S. C. Abbott. (Harper & Bros., N. Y.)

Cobb. Memorial Volume of Hon. Howell Cobb. Edited by S. Boykin. (Lippincott & Co., Phil.)

Gough. Bill, Nichols & Co., Springfield, Mass., are about to issue a new volume of "Personal Recollections," by John B. Gough.

Howe. Prof. John W. Howe, is preparing a volume for the Press, entitled, "My Personal Recollections of Actors and Acting."

Rawlins. Gen. W. S. Hillyer, formerly Chief of Gen. Grant's Staff, has in preparation the life of the late Maj. Gen. Rawlins.

Raymond. The Life of Henry J. Raymond, late Editor of the *New York Times*, is preparing by Augustus Maverick, Esq., of the *N. Y. Evening Post*.

Root. Rev. David Root, late of Chicago, now of Philadelphia, has in preparation a volume of Autobiographical Reminiscences, in connection with Memorials of his family.

Webster. The Life of Daniel Webster. By George Ticknor Curtis. (D. Appleton & Co., N. Y.)

Weed. Mr. Thurlow Weed is devoting himself to the preparation of Personal Recollections of Public Life and Public Men, to be supplemented by letters from Clay, Webster, Jackson and most of the men who have occupied a leading position in political life, during the last half-century.

Williams College. Lee & Shepard will have ready "The Biographical Annals of Williams College" early in the new year. It will be a 500 page octavo, with numerous engravings.

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BESSAC. In Memoriam. A Biographical Sketch of the Life of John William Bessac; with some account of his Family. Prepared for private circulation, by George Park, Esquire, his son-in-law, and Benjamin L. Bessac, his grandson. Albion, N. Y.: Press of Bruner Bro's., American Office. 1863. pp. 22.

- BOLLING.** A Memoir of a portion of the Bolling family in England and Virginia. Printed for private distribution. Richmond, Va.: W. H. Wade & Co., 1868. Sm. 4to. pp. ix, 68.
- BOOTHE.** The family of Richard Boothe, (an original settler in Stratford, Conn.,) traced through some branches of his posterity, and introduced by fragmentary notes on Ancient Stratford. New York: C. S. Westcott & Co., Printers, No. 79 John Street, 1862. 12o. pp. 3, 64. Map and illus.
- DOD.** Genealogies of the male descendants of Daniel Dod, of Branford, Conn., a native of England. 1646 to 1863. By Bethnel L. Dodd, M. D., and John R. Burnet. Newark, N. J.: Printed at the Daily Advertiser Office, 1864. 8vo. pp. 221; chart.
- ELMER.** Genealogy and Biography of the Elmer family. Compiled by Lucius Q. C. Elmer. (Printed for the use of the family.) Bridgeton, N. J.: Nixon & Potter, Printers, Commerce and Laurel Streets. 1860. 8vo. pp. 64.
- GILMAN.** The Gilman Family traced in the line of Hon. John Gilman, of Exeter, N. H., with an account of many other Gilmans in England and America. By Arthur Gilman, A. M. Albany, N. Y.: Joel Munsell, 82 State Street. 1869. Sm. 4to. pp. xiii, 324. Portrait and Cuts.
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- KEYES.** A brief notice of the late Thomas Keyes, of West Boylston, together with a short historical account of his descendants, and also of his ancestry, with some incidents and circumstances connected therewith. Worcester: Henry J. Rowland, Printer, No. 245 Main Street. 1857. 12o. pp. 75.
- LAWRENCE.** Historical Genealogy of the Lawrence Family, from their first landing in this country, A. D. 1635, to the present date, July 4th, 1858. By Thomas Lawrence of Providence, Rhode Island. New York: Printed by Edward O. Jenkins, No. 26 Frankfort Street. 1858. 8vo. pp. 240.
- LAWRENCE.** The Genealogy of the Family of John Lawrence, of Wisset, in Suffolk, England, and of Watertown and Groton, Massachusetts. Boston: Published for the Author by Nichols & Noyes, 117 Washington Street. 1869. 8vo. pp. 332.
- MUDGE.** Memorials. Being a general Biographical and Historical account of the name of Mudge in America from 1638 to 1868. By A. Mudge. Portrait. 8vo. pp. 443. Boston: A. Mudge & Son, Printers, 1868. \$6.00.
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